

Applications Using integrated Modeling Techniques

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Many current and future projects have such stringent accuracy requirements that it is widely becoming recognized that a multi-disciplinary approach must be taken when designing the project. The need for large aperture and/or long baseline size leads to large structures and active controls. Structures deform from combinations of stresses due to gravitational and thermal loads, and internal mechanical forces such as on board instrumentation and guidance devices. The design and tolerance of these projects must be capable of predicting resultant optical quality under these conditions. Such projects include space and ground based telescopes, interferometers, adaptive optics systems, laser communications and weapons, and many other instruments, such as star trackers, fine guidance sensors, guidance and control equipment.

JPL has been developing a software tool, IMOS (Integrated Modeling of Advanced Optical Systems) which allows spacecraft to be developed using a multidisciplinary approach by integrating the structural, control and optical Subsystems of these spacecraft. The engineering disciplines supported include structural (including thermal), controls, and optics (JPL's COMP - Controlled Optics Modeling Package). Excellent graphics/plotting capabilities exist in the tool. Also available are all of the control design, analysis, and simulation functions and tool boxes contained in MATLAB. The software package is available through COSMIC.

The tool has been used for preliminary design studies, as well as for more detailed studies, such as the in-flight optical testing for the IIS'1' and Mars Observer Camera, adaptive optics system design, telescope slew and settle simulations, analysis of control system fine guidance sensors, segmented mirror figure control system design, binary star resolution, thermal distortion on the SMIM spacecraft, and optimal passive damper placement using a variety of optical and structural performance metrics, point spread functions used for image deconvolution restoration of HST, and analysis of controlled resonant cavities for a gravity wave observatory.

The storyboard will include highlights from many of the recently solved multidisciplinary problems solved using the modeling tool as well as a detailed description of the capabilities currently available. We will also present long term direction of the project, including incorporation of new computation technologies and expansion of discipline area.